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Our Advertisers Are Offering Some Very Attractive Bargains This Week. Better Look Them Up.

## Council Meeting

The city council met in regular session Monday evening, with Councilmen Honnen, Giles, Miller, Johnson and Smith present. Absent: Moses and Merritt, and the place of Mr. Bunting is vacant, on account of his removal from the ward.

The minutes of the previous meeting, the reports of the city clerk and police judge were presented and all were approved.

A committee of the firemen waited on the council, and asked that the city purchase a light hook and ladder wagon, something which recent runs proved, very much needed. The request was granted, and the mayor and fire committee were ordered to purchase one immediately. A hydrant to be used in washing the hose was also ordered placed in the hose room.

Question of new walks, curbs, etc., on Main street was discussed, but no action taken at this time.

Sewer proposition was left open to hear what the citizens meeting called for the Court House on Saturday evening, the 19th, would result in.

Suggestion was made that an effort be put forth to hurry the federal proposition along.

The following bills were allowed:

E. C. Cole, atty.....	\$12 50
F. D. Wilson, marshal.....	75 00
Hammon Bros, sprinkling 40 00	
F. H. Hitchcock, night marshal.....	30 00
J. E. DeMotte, park.....	10 00
S. D. Gilmore, meal ticket.....	3 50
Great Bend Furniture Co., picture frame.....	4 25
L. Sowards, 17 1/2 days labor.....	26 25
Great Bend Fire Dept., Hospital and Miller fires.....	64 00
Henry Born, coat.....	3 00
Louis Zulavern, treasurer 59 94	
J. W. Sutton, street commr.....	55 00
Great Bend Water Works, service.....	8 40
F. A. Moses, city clerk.....	4 15
C. M. Mote, election rent 1 00	
Crane & Co., election supplies.....	22 75
W. D. Foss, crossing gutter, and cement.....	150 00
Andy Meyers, crossing.....	1 00
Fred Richardson, to bill attached.....	1 25
Great Bend Electric Co., 3 mo.....	309 21
Tribune Pub. Co., printing 9 25	
C. S. Allison, coal for city 4 10	
P. Cooperider, crossing.....	6 60
C. H. Rothgarn, rent voting place.....	4 00
Buckbee & Co., use of stove 1 25	
Great Bend Transfer Co. work.....	5 25
Total.....	\$922.25

## Methodist Church Notes

Seward Charge. Change of appointments. Cut this out and keep it.

The pastor will preach as follows during December.

Sunday, Dec. 13, Pioneer, 11 a. m. Lincoln, 7:30 p. m.  
December 20, Seward, 11 a. m. Pioneer 7:30 p. m.  
December 27, Lincoln 11 a. m. Seward 7:30 p. m.  
Everybody cordially invited.  
Rev. Lorin W. Kemp.

## New Studio

In another column will be found an announcement of a new studio being opened by E. Ross Gregg in the Moore building on Forest ave. The rooms have been equipped in a neat manner and in an up-to-date shape for this business. Mr. Gregg comes highly recommended as an artist, and will give the people of this community excellent service.

Chas. Gilbert, who has been suffering with an attack of pneumonia, is now able to be out again. The Gilbert family are having some unusually bad luck. Several weeks ago, Mr. Gilbert had his hand caught in the machinery at the mills and was unable to work for several days. Then his children took the whooping cough and with the last illness of Mr. Gilbert their troubles surely ought to be over.

## Cecil Herschel Howell

For the second time within a week, death entered the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Howell, of near Heizer, and snatched therefrom one of their darlings, the pride of the home, their only son, almost five years old. A few days previous the parents were called upon to consign to the cold earth the body of little Rena, whose soul had ascended to its heavenly home above. To be called upon to lay their little forms away, one at a time is indeed hard, but when called upon twice in a few days time, it seems that the cup of sorrow is surely running over.

The little fellow suffered an attack of pneumonia, following an attack of measles, and was not strong enough to battle with the disease. His body was placed beside that of his little sister, on Tuesday morning. The grief stricken family have the sympathy of all.

## Sister Dalmatia

One of that noble band of women, the Dominican Sisters, who have done so much for this community, passed to her last rest on Tuesday noon, at Odin, where for several years past she has been a teacher in the parochial school. The requiem mass was Thursday morning, and interment made in the Catholic cemetery.

Sister Dalmatia came to this city six years ago, from Brooklyn, and was a hard worker, and greatly beloved by all with whom she came in contact.

## A Number of New Laws to be Asked at the Coming Session

The Kansas Educational commission will recommend to the legislature that an educational commission be created by legislative resolution. The present commission was appointed by Governor Hoch and is only a temporary affair to bring about a revision of the school laws of the state. It had a special work and that work is done. The commission asks that a permanent commission be created.

The other recommendations to be made to the legislature will be set forth in the pamphlet to be issued soon as follows:

A longer term of rural schools and state aid for weak districts.  
Consolidation of schools.  
Special aid for certain districts.  
Employment of teachers for longer periods.  
Inspection of the sanitary condition of schools.  
Certification of teachers.  
Compulsory education.  
Clerks for county superintendents and closer supervision of country schools.  
School libraries and equipment.

A change in the date of the annual school meeting.

Normal courses in high schools.

Agriculture in high schools.

Fire drills.

Regulation relative to the construction of school buildings.

County diploma examinations.

Take the office of county superintendent out of politics.

A larger unit of school organization.

The Barnes law.

Inspectors for country schools.

County superintendent's annual meeting.

A uniform law relating to the size and organization of boards of education.

## Bank Statements

In this issue we carry the statements of the J. V. Brinkman Co. Bank, the First National Bank, and the Citizens' Bank of this city, and the Brinkman Bank State bank of Olmitz. Each and all of these institutions are shown to be in a flourishing condition, and the statements indicate that the institutions in all are being handled and managed in a conservative and business-like manner.

Henry Harper made a trip to Dodge City this week to look after his land. While there Mr. Harper inspected the road work that is being done near Dodge City by the government and has direction.

## James Wheeler

The people of this community were shocked to hear of the death of Jas. Wheeler, a respected and well-to-do colored resident of this community, which occurred in Southern California, where he had gone for his health, to spend the winter. He had only been away about a month. In his death this community has lost an honest and upright citizen and the colored people one of their very best and most influential men in the state.

James Wheeler was born in slavery in Mississippi. He succeeded in working enough to buy his freedom and at the close of the war, went to Tennessee. Later he removed to Stafford county, and about eight years ago, he bought the Bidleman farm in South Bend. Some three years ago he purchased property in this city, and has made his home here since.

Mr. Wheeler was married, and leaves a widow, but no children to mourn his loss. He was quite wealthy, and the past two years has spent considerable time in traveling, seeking health. We have known Mr. Wheeler for about fifteen years, and always recognized in him an honorable, upright, law-abiding citizen, always ready to extend a friendly hand to any one who needed his help. We join his many friends in extending sympathy to the bereaved one.

Miss Grace Kelly was up from St. John this week on a short visit with her parents and family.

Mrs. E. A. Hammond and daughter, Miss Grace visited Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Will Hammond in Hoisington.

Danil, the young son of Cornelius Schmidt, west of town, is reported as being much better this week and recovering from his last attack of illness.

Thomas Hester of Olmitz, Dan Smith of Pawnee Rock and Mrs. Joseph Gleisner of Albert called at this office Thursday and renewed their subscriptions to the Democrat.

C. A. Duling of Hoisington, Kas takes considerable pride in referring to the fact that he lives in the banner wheat country in that state. "We are away out there beyond the middle of the state, where a few years ago the land was considered of little value," said Mr. Duling. "But think of a small county like Barton producing around 5,000,000 bus. of wheat in one year! At the high price wheat has been selling at in recent years, you can soon figure up what a nice amount of money it takes into the county and distributes among the farmers. If wheat was the only crop we raised, Barton county would still be a very good place to farm. But we raise corn and alfalfa. The corn crop of this year was far ahead of most any other county in the state. We got 4 crops of alfalfa, thus filling the country with all kinds of good stock feed. We have lands in Barton county that were considered of little value after I went there, that could not be bought today for \$100 an acre. This is not a high price for that land, when we consider what it will produce. Five tons of alfalfa an acre at the moderate price of \$8 a ton, brings \$40 to the acre. The wheat and corn lands are almost as profitable. The wheat never looked more promising at this season of the year than it does right now. It is hardly as far along in growth as we have had it in other years, but that has nothing to do with prospects for a bumper crop next season. The acreage shows no change from last year.—Drovers' Telegram.

The Elks had a very interesting session Monday evening. Four candidates were shown the work, after which a banquet was served, and then all attended a performance at the Berlin.

## Wege-Schneider.

Miss Anna Wege and Mr. Herman Schneider of West Salem, Wisconsin, were married Wednesday at 4 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wege, 10 miles north of this city.

The house was well filled with relatives and friends to witness the ceremony. Miss Daisy Trester sang "Dreaming," after which the bridal party entered the parlor to the strains of the wedding march played by Miss Anna Trester, where Rev. Westwood in his most pleasant manner performed the marriage ceremony. The bride and groom were attended by Miss Margaret Wege and Mr. Trester.

The bride looked very pretty in a gown of white silk, carrying a bouquet of white carnations. The house was tastefully decorated in white chrysanthemums and smilax.

After the ceremony, the guests repaired to the dining room where an elegant supper, such as the bride's mother is noted for, was spread.

The Wege family have not been residents of this county very long, having only moved here a few months ago from West Salem Wis. The best wishes of this community are those of the young married couple.

## Business Change.

Yarborough Bros., who a few weeks ago established the Crescent restaurant just west of the post office, disposed of the same last week. Being both experienced restaurant men, they were like a fish out of water, and soon closed a deal with the Gilmores for the "Elite," on Main street, and took possession of the same last Saturday. They will continue to run, this establishment in the same up-to-date manner that the Gilmore boys did, and will doubtless get their share of the business.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Dahm were visitors to Hutchinson Monday.

Charles Vancil has a very sore foot as a result of stepping on a nail.

Harry Wildgen of Hoisington is a new subscriber to the Democrat.

Robert Wright and family are back from a visit of several weeks in Arkansas.

The Heizer Creamery building, recently sold at public sale, was bought in by Will Reinick, consideration \$350.

Henry Knip and Mat Gales were visitors from the east side on Thursday. They also attended district court.

County clerk elect Morse and wife of Dickinson county visited with Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Strong Monday.

Henry Everett and son Will, have returned from a prospecting trip through Oklahoma, better than ever suited with Barton county.

T. H. Eberhardt of Lewis, and his brother Ernest of Lakin township, were visitors to Great Bend Thursday and made this office a pleasant call.

Mrs. Fred Kelly and children have been here from Iowa the past two weeks visiting Fred's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Kelley, and Mrs. Kelly's father, H. L. Jones, of Lakin township.

Grandma Hood, who lives with her son Mack Hood, of the south side, received a broken arm a few days ago as a result of a fall. She was walking to the house with her son and stumbled over a wagon tongue. The left arm was broken between the wrist and the elbow. Mrs. Hood is nearly 83 years of age and the fact that she is able to be up and around today, speaks wonderfully for her vitality. Her many friends hope no serious consequences may attend the accident.

## School Board

The regular meeting of the school board was held Monday evening with members Sams, Newcombe, Collins, Young, McMullen, Rubart and Gwinn present. Absent Morrison, Cox and McKinny.

The reports of the clerk and Superintendent were received.

The following bills were allowed:

Fred Richardson, labor.....	\$1 25
Tribune Print. Co.....	90
G. W. Thatcher, truant officer.....	8.00
M. L. Crow, hanging paper 13.35	
George Smith, labor.....	50
American Seating Co., furn.....	142.20
Paul Clayton, labor.....	2.00

The president and clerk were authorized to draw warrants for teachers and janitors salaries.

Bill of Great Bend Electric Co. was referred to a committee.

Bill of E. R. Moses Merc. Co. for balance on new heating plant was referred to building committee with an order to make a settlement. Committee was also instructed to have a new smoke stack erected on the west building.

The board considered the idea of uniting with the Commercial Club and have some action taken toward putting a clock in the tower of the central building.

W. H. Kerr was present and protested against the reading of the bible or any other religious exercises in the schools. He presented his protest in writing and after adjournment of the board, the same was taken up and partly read.

C. D. Spangh will entertain the crowd Saturday evening with a band concert.

Mr. and Mrs. Schneider leave in a few days to make their home in West Salem, Wisconsin.

Mrs. A. B. Riddle and son Edward are quarantined at Winfield owing to the latter having a siege of scarlatina.

Fred Moore of the south side recently disposed of a body of land on the south side, and purchased three quarters of Pawnee County dirt.

Henry Harper has purchased a block of ground from Mrs. Chas. Carter, in the west end. We understand he expects to build in the spring, and become a resident of the city.

Elmer Dale was up from Stafford county this week visiting the folks. Mrs. Dale and the children have been here for over a week visiting with the Rusco's and the Dales.

Jas. Pritchard, who has taken the agency for the Chalmers-Detroit cars, and whose ad appears elsewhere in this issue, will soon erect a garage on his lots at the corner of Main and 10th sts., and expects, and no doubt will do his share of the automobile business of this thriving community.

Among those from out of town who attended the funeral of Sister Dalmatia Thursday were Joseph Kimpler and family and Father Weikman of St. Peters; Father Heimann, Frank Rzhia Ford Beck, Frank Biska and Mike Tocket of Odin; Father Birrenbach of Dubuque, Father Drath of Cain City and Father O'Sullivan of Hoisington.

The formal opening last Saturday of the Landblade Grocery in their new quarters, was attended by a large crowd, who admired the handsome decorations and partook of the excellent coffee, fruits and cakes that were served. Mr. Allgaier of Reid Murdock, and Mr. Truex of the National Biscuit Co., were present and assisted the firm.

Charlie Howard came down a stairway Wednesday evening much faster than he had intended to, and badly injured one of his limbs. He is able to be around with the aid of a cane.

## District Court

District court reconvened Monday morning. The first case to be called was that of Buford Turner, charged with statutory rape, the prosecuting witness, being a Miss Newman of Topeka. This is the case which came up last summer, Turner and the girl running away from Topeka, the former leaving his wife. The couple stopped here among other places, later being arrested at Colorado Springs. Owing to the fact that the prosecuting witness was shielded by the law in answering questions which would incriminate herself, little evidence was obtained, and the jury returned a verdict of not guilty.

Edward Stanley was granted a divorce from Lovina Stanley.

Mrs. May Cone was granted a divorce from Sam Cone.

John Williams, Laurence Holt, and John Rateliff, charged with attempted robbing and murder of W. H. Seigel and John Davis on the Ringling circus train in September, plead guilty and the first two were sentenced to the pen for not less than seven nor more than ten years, and the third was sent to the reformatory.

Martin Wood, charged with bootlegging was found guilty, given a fine of \$200 and costs, and 60 days in jail.

C. H. Ochs plead guilty to one count for evading the liquor law, was fined \$100 and costs and 30 days. He applied for a parole.

The criminal docket is completed for this term, some cases going over.

The civil cases were then taken up.

## Firemen's Dance.

The jolly bunch of boys known as the Great Bend Fire department are preparing for their annual dance which is to be given in the Moses hall on Christmas night. The company has been divided into two sides, one captained by Oscar Johnson, the other by Jack Malia. These two sides are selling tickets on a contest. The side selling the least is to buy an oyster supper for the entire company. Both are working hard to win. When you are given the distress sign by any of them, the only thing to do is to come through with your anti of one dollar. And for all the good the fine laddies do, we can all well afford it. They were recently rewarded by Marx & Berseheid, with a check for \$25.00 and by F. H. Miller for \$20.00.

The boys earn all they get, and are carrying an accident insurance themselves. Buy a ticket, even though you do not care to attend their dance.

W. H. Wagner and family of Alden, and Mr. and Mrs. John Wagner of Ellinwood were the guests of Christ. Wagner and family Sunday.

Mrs. Lyman Dodge has recovered sufficiently to be taken home. She has had a mighty hard time of it, and her friends sincerely wish her a speedy restoration to perfect health.

Prof. E. F. Ewing is now Superintendent of the city schools of Canon City, Colo. His numerous friends here will be pleased to learn of his continued advancement in his chosen profession.

Tom Leavit, formerly in charge of Uncle Sam's recruiting station here, has served out his enlistment, retired from the service, and entered the employ of the Santa Fe. He was a Great Bend visitor the first of the week.

The J. V. Brinkman Co. Bank for distribution on Saturday, December 19th, and will be pleased to have you call and get one. will have their calendars ready. Henry Haberman was down from Walnut township Thursday interviewing the dentists.

Mrs. Albert Foster and family of Eureka township are receiving a visit from Mrs. Foster's brother, John Travis of Winter set, Iowa.